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Response to Outstanding Office Action

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This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed May 10, 2007 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter. Applicant submits this paper with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. This paper is a proper submission under that section because it is fully responsive to the Final Office Action, dated January 17, 2007 and because it presents new arguments in favor of patentability.

The Advisory Action indicates that Applicant's Response to Final Office Action was not entered. Therefore, this Response incorporates the amendment and remarks from the Response to Final Office Action, filed April 17, 2007.

Claims 1-16, 29, and 31-40 are in the subject patent application. Applicant amends claims 1-16, 29, and 39-40, and cancels claim 30 without prejudice.

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